

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election points out the threat inherent in media consolidation. Sinclair's use of the public airwaves free of charge obligates it, by law, to serve the public interest. But when large companies control the airwaves, local stations lose autonomy and democracy is the loser.. Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Thank you.